

## CAVALRY TROOP IS TO BE ORGANIZED

James Baca, Adjutant General, Here to Lay Plans Before Veterans of American Legion

### BUSINESS MEN WILL ALSO HELP

Chamber of Commerce Pledge Support And Uncle Sam Will Pay All the Bills

James Baca, adjutant general of New Mexico, arrived in the city this morning for the purpose of organizing a troop of National Guard cavalry. The general met some of the ex-service men of the city and in the afternoon the directors of the chamber of commerce convened and, after listening to his plans, passed a resolution endorsing the enterprise and pledging the support of the business interests of the city. It was the intention of the general to meet with the American Legion post tonight, but a wire from Governor Larranzola informed him of the death of the governor's son, Juan, at El Paso, and requested the general to meet the governor at that point tonight. With regret the general departed early this evening.

At the meeting with the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, General Baca stated that Governor Larranzola would commission Major Clyde Earl Ely as captain of the troop, following the resignation of the major from the reserve corps of the U. S. Army. The selection of lieutenants will be made later.

The state, according to General Baca, will furnish stables for the mounts; the government will furnish mounts, horse equipment, arms, and five caretakers at salaries of \$75 per month each in addition to the army pay of 25 per cent of the army base pay. Troopers will receive 25 per cent of base pay for attending drills.

It is said that Deming will participate in a federal expenditure here of one-fifth of \$100,000 in connection with the buying of forage, pay and other features. At the present time the state is allotted only one squadron with a machine gun troop. Deming can have the choice of the machine gun troop, if desired, a matter that will probably be settled at a meeting of the local post of the American Legion tonight.

The troop will take charge of the armory and all its equipment, establishing their station there. General Baca says that Deming has the finest armory and equipment in New Mexico and in addition about \$3,000 in its armory fund. The present armory board will be reorganized and will take over the property from the present armory board, which is short several members.

With its armory, its trained service men, and liberal federal and state patronage, the present organization should have no trouble in establishing itself. A minimum of 70 men and three officers is required. A machine gun troop would require four officers.

### DODGE SALES

The Snodgrass Motor Company reports the sales of Dodge cars to Alonzo H. Johnson and W. J. Evans.

### JUST AS BROAD AS IT IS LONG

While property owners must pay for the paved intersections, they will not be charged up with any of the many other expenses incident to the laying of the pavement, so it evens things up. We have made a small start in paving, and we are in favor of paving Church street, Water street, all intersections between these streets, Las Cruces avenue, Griggs street, Court street, and from the convent to connect with the state highway. And we are in favor of plenty more lights. It costs money, but then look at the returns.—Las Cruces Citizen.

### MRS. J. B. HODGDON SELLS INTEREST IN SHOE STORE

A business transaction of unusual interest occurred March 1 when Mrs. J. B. Hodgdon sold her interest in the Hodgdon-Clardy Shoe Company to her partner, J. E. Clardy. Mrs. Hodgdon has conducted a commercial enterprise at the location next to the postoffice on Gold avenue for many years, her late husband having founded the business house many years ago. It is noted with gratification that Mrs. Hodgdon will not leave the city, as has been reported, except possibly for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ira Sprecher, who lately removed to Albuquerque. "My home will always be at Deming," Mrs. Hodgdon told the Graphic.

Mr. Clardy, now the sole owner of the business, has been associated with Mrs. Hodgdon for the past two years and has made an unqualified success of the enterprise. He has lots of "pep" and will certainly build up a wonderful trade.

## TO SUPPLY 12TH ON HIKE THROUGH A. E. F. METHODS

Methods of supply developed by the S. O. S. of the American Expeditionary Forces will be used to supply the two squadrons of the 12th United States cavalry in its 500-mile march down the Rio Grande from Columbus, N. M., to Del Rio, Texas.

The march is ordered to start March 13 and the troops are due in Del Rio April 10 or 11 a month later. The two squadrons, machine gun troop, supply troop, headquarters and medical detachment, under command of Col. Lawrence J. Fleming, is making the overland trek, changing station from Columbus to Del Rio. The other squadron (four troops) is in the Canal Zone.

Col. Miles R. Hilgard, department quartermaster at Fort Sam Houston, has had his staff work out plans for placing rations, feed for the animals and other supplies at stations along the line of march. Over some stretches of the semi-arid, mountainous country water may have to be transported to camping sites by tank wagons, tank trucks if they can get through, or tank cars if the halt is on the Southern Pacific.

Just what route the regiment will follow has not been announced yet, but it is certain that the trail will be along the Southern Pacific railroad for a great part of the way.

### GRATIFYING TO TAXPAYERS

Editor Deming Graphic: I was very much gratified to read in your last issue of the Graphic the announcement of J. A. Mahoney and J. W. Phillips for county commissioners.

It must be gratifying to every taxpayer, large and small, to know that men of large experience, successful in their own private affairs, can be induced to accept the charge of county affairs and administer its affairs as they would their own.

With the large amount of business continually coming up in a progressive county like ours, it is necessary to have men on the job who are able to cope with any question that may come up. Inasmuch as both of these men live in Deming, they can be found at any time to give their time and advice to the county. A commissioner should be a man vitally interested in the county. I believe that the man who pays but one dollar taxes is as much interested in proportion as the man who pays more, and that we are all interested in seeing that our tax rate is kept down to the lowest minimum and that all money collected is expended to the greatest advantage.

Knowing J. A. Mahoney and J. W. Phillips as I do, the people of Luna county can be assured that they will get 100 per cent for every dollar of taxes collected, if they are elected.

A TAXPAYER.

### BORDERLAND ROUTE NEEDS SIGN POSTS

L. C. Paxton tells the Graphic that there is a great deal of confusion among motorists bound west over the Borderland when they come to the jog in the road where it turns west on Eighth street. On account of the lack of signs the motorists usually keep on south because the road is graded due south, and they are several miles out of their way before they come to realize that a mistake has been made, and they begin to inquire the way. The Borderland in and out of Deming should be well posted with signs. It is well worth while and due those who journey this way.

Americans who were in France during the war and who had to make long night marches in a strange country by map and compass will never forget the blessed signs at the crossroads; never a chance for a trained officer to lead his men astray. Yet we have people that think we are so much more progressive than the Europeans.

### MOVIE STUFF

The home of H. E. Hubble, a mile east of the county court house, was robbed in the afternoon of last Friday, the house being in great disorder when Mr. and Mrs. Hubble returned in the evening, \$36.12 being missing. As a result, Arthur Mandell, 16 years old, is in jail, charged with the offense. Two other boys are implicated, but no further arrests have been made. It is thought that the whole thing grew out of a boyish spirit of adventure, complicated a bit by lemon extract. They are very much subdued youngsters and probably won't try to pull the movie "bad man" stuff in the near future.

Mrs. D. O. Snodgrass arrived in the city this morning from El Paso.

### SIT TIGHT, KILGORE

Last week the Courier published an editorial stating that the proposed cooperative store in Deming would prove a failure, and gave as one of the reasons that 1,001 had previously failed. The article did not read well to some of our subscribers and they have not been a bit backward in expressing themselves. We hope, at that, that the motive which inspired the editor to write it was well taken. Anyhow, exposed pitfalls are easily discernable to all but the unwary.—Columbus Courier.

## DEMING PROPERTY HOLDERS TO VOTE ON BUYING WATER PLANT

Village Board Reconsidered Matter of Placing Proposal on Ballot for Election On April 6; Board Received Petition From 100 Taxpayers Asking for Election to be Submitted to Deming Voters

Last Saturday evening the Deming board of trustees met for the express purpose of reconsidering the matter of placing the proposal to buy the water plant on the ballot to be voted upon on April 6. At Monday's regular meeting the matter had gone practically by default, there being no one particularly for or against it, and, in the absence of adequate information, the board members did not care to take a chance. Last Saturday night, however, the board had a petition bearing the names of 100 property owners and also an estimate of the value of the water plant by Clarence Morgan, city engineer, in which to base action. The resolution to place the proposal on the ballot passed without a dissenting vote. It is now up to the property owners of the city to say whether or not the city shall issue \$100,000 worth of bonds to buy the plant and to improve it.

Of the \$100,000 bond issue \$62,500 is to purchase the present plant and \$37,500 to be used in extensions to outlying districts in need of city water and for betterments, largely the laying of new, larger and better mains. The additional sum does not have to be used until needed. The interest rate is fixed not to exceed 6 per cent. They must be sold to the highest bidder.

Outside of the business circles immediately interested there exists very little sentiment either for or against municipal ownership of the water works. This is due largely to the excellent service being supplied by the

present owners, the United Land & Water Co., together with the reduction in minimum water rates last fall. Those not conversant with the situation would hardly know that Deming faced a question of water, especially as the present franchise has nine years yet to run. However, the matter will be fully aired within the next few weeks and sentiment will, no doubt, crystallize by the time the election comes off. It is needless to say that a great many are friendly to the proposal, including all the members of the board of trustees, and that there are a few, at least, who are very much opposed to the proposal.

It is the intention of the Graphic to publish every bit of information for and against the proposal as such information is brought to light.

### Engineer's report follows:

#### Increased Tax Rate

At 5 per cent \$100,000 would require \$5,000 to carry the interest on the proposed bond issue to buy the water works. The assessed valuation in Deming is approximately \$2,500,000; the present tax rate is 20 cents on \$100. This would mean a 2 mill increase to take care of the bonded debt.

According to the water company's report to the board of trustees last Monday night the water company enjoys a net revenue of 6 per cent on the present capitalization of \$35,000. This includes a salary of \$3,000 for C. M. Cotton as manager. However, Mr. Cotton manages the plant the greater part of the time from Los Angeles, Cal.

Deming, N. M., March 6, 1920.

Mr. A. A. Tenke, Village Clerk, Village of Deming.

Dear Sir: At the request of Mr. R. F. Hamilton, mayor of the village council, I have prepared a somewhat hurried estimate of the present value of the local water plant, owned by the United Land & Water Co.

There has been no attempt to estimate the value of the old mains, nor the value of the plant as a going concern. The figures given as to value of the wells are cost figures and nothing has been allowed for value of proven tested wells such as these, as against the value of prospective wells.

The estimate of stock and tools on hand is from the water company's inventory of March 1, as it was impossible to make a new estimate in time for the meeting tonight. Estimate follows:

Block 27, Deming townsite.....	\$4,800.00
Main pump house, brick 60 by 25 feet.....	2,300.00
Shed.....	75.00
Well No. 1, 130 feet deep.....	
Estimated cost of drilling.....	\$700.00
Estimated cost of casing.....	682.50
1,382.50	
Equipment—	
One Leyne & Bowler pump, 15 in., 5 stage; present quotations f. o. b. Los Angeles, \$2,750.00. Depreciation, 5 years at 10 per cent or 50 per cent. Estimated present value.....	1,325.00
50 H. P. Westinghouse motor, completely equipped, \$900.00. Depreciation, 5 years at 8 per cent or 40 per cent. \$360.00. Present value.....	540.00
Well No. 2, 319 feet deep.....	
Estimated cost of drilling.....	\$1,670.00
Estimated cost of casing.....	1,674.75
3,344.75	
Derrick.....	75.00
Piping for air lift, 500 feet 2 inch air line, \$130.00; depreciation 5 per cent or \$6.50. Present value.....	123.50
Well No. 3, 375 feet deep.....	
Estimated cost of drilling.....	\$1,950.00
Estimated cost of casing.....	1,968.75
3,918.75	
Piping for air lift, 550 feet 2 in. air line, \$143.00; depreciation 5 per cent or \$7.15. Present value.....	135.85
Ingersoll Rand 14x12 compressor, installation compressor complete, including foot piece for Well No. 2. Compressor.....	\$1,661.00
Two foot pieces at \$155.00.....	310.00
Deflector.....	15.00
Receiver tank.....	43.00
Engineering, fittings, installation and freight.....	600.00
2,629.00	
Depreciation, two years at 6 per cent or 12 per cent.....	315.48
2,313.52	
Derrick.....	75.00
Rooster pump house.....	100.00
No. 5 Krog's pump, \$312.00; depreciation, 5 years at 3 per cent or 15 per cent, \$46.80. Present value.....	265.20
35 H. P. G. E. motor, completely equipped, \$875.00; depreciation, 5 years at 5 per cent or 15 per cent, \$131.25. Present value.....	743.75
Fire pump house.....	100.00
5 in. American centrifugal pump, \$200.00; depreciation, 6 years at 3 per cent or 18 per cent, \$36.00. Present value.....	164.00
50 H. P. Westinghouse motor, completely equipped, \$775.00; depreciation, 6 years at 3 per cent or 18 per cent, \$139.50. Present value.....	635.50
Concrete ground tank.....	800.00
Brick ground tank for oil with 400 feet of 3 in. pipe.....	100.00
Oil house.....	
Stand pipe, 22 feet in diameter by 75 feet in height, installed in 1905. Estimated cost, \$10,000.00; depreciation, 40 per cent, or \$4,000.00. Present value.....	6,000.00
Stock on hand, pipe, fittings, fixtures, tools, etc.; new, \$2,818.30; partly used, \$1,687.35; depreciation on old, \$674.98. Total value.....	3,830.71
One Ford truck.....	350.00
Office fixtures, including vault, Rand system ledger and index, adding machine, desks and furniture.....	1,302.39
36 fire plugs, 10 old plugs, average cost each installed, \$50.00; depreciation 20 per cent or \$10.00; \$40.00 each for 10.....	400.00
26 installed in 1913, average cost of each installed \$70.00; depreciation 7 years at 3 per cent or 21 per cent, \$14.70. Value of each \$55.30.....	1,106.00
4 installed in 1918, average cost of each installed \$90.00.....	360.00
21 installed at \$35.00.....	110.00
Meters, 457 installed at \$15.00, \$6,855.00; depreciation 10 per cent, \$685.50. Value.....	6,169.50
One 8 in. master meter, cost \$750.00; depreciation, 8 years at 5 per cent or 40 per cent, \$300.00. Value.....	450.00
Four 2 in. meters, \$54.00 each, \$216.00; two 3 in. meters at \$108.00 each, \$216.00; 25 1 in. meters at \$21.60 each, \$540.00; total, \$972.00. Average 5 years depreciation at 5 per cent or 25 per cent, \$243.00. Value.....	729.00

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## NEW MEXICO RRAIDS RE ASSESSMENT

Santa Fe, N. M., March 8.—Railroads in New Mexico have an assessed valuation of \$101,319,790, for the year 1920, it is announced by the state tax commission. These figures include the city electric system of Albuquerque, valued at \$54,750, the Las Vegas transit lines, at \$13,505, and the Trinidad Electric Transmission Railway and Gas Company, assessed at \$70,851.

More than half of this property assessed in excess of \$100,000,000 belongs to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. The total of the assessed valuation of this company's property is \$55,056,845.

The El Paso and Southwestern system stands second in value of property, its assessment reading \$24,172,221. This company's main line terminals, located at Tucuman, Carrizozo and Duran, are worth \$110,000, while its pipe line is valued at \$150,070. The Southern Pacific property is listed at \$8,669,446, which includes the Lordsburg and Deming terminals, worth \$188,500.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific's property is worth \$5,567,401, in which no terminals are included.

The Denver and Rio Grande has property valued at \$3,206,090, including \$25,000 for the terminal at Chama. The highest valuation per mile is on the Santa Fe main line, valued at \$48,200 to \$48,600, while its branches, spurs and second tracks run \$6,000, \$8,000 and \$10,000.

### BASKETBALL

#### El Paso vs. Deming High School

Last Friday night the best basketball game which has been seen this season was played between Deming High School and El Paso High School. The game was clean, fast and hard-contested from beginning to end. In the first few minutes of play the Deming five ran up an 8-point lead, but the El Paso group came back strong and caught up this lead. The first half ended with a score of 13 to 17.

In the second half the El Paso team seemed to tighten up and got their eyes on the basket better, with the result that they ran up 23 points while our team could get only 11.

The final score was 40 to 24. The line-up and scoring were as follows:

El Paso—Cohen (F), 6 goals, 1 foul goal; Richardson (F), 8 goals; Unlig (C), Talbot (G); Springer (G); Ponsford (G), 5 goals, 1 foul goal, 1 foul goal missed. Deming—Causland (F), 5 goals, 3 foul goals, 3 foul goals missed; Clark (F), 4 goals, 1 foul goal, 4 foul goals missed; Cooper (C), 1 goal, 1 foul goal missed; Kelly (G); Upton (G); Stump (G).

#### El Paso vs. Deming Alumnae

On Saturday night the alumnae team played El Paso. It seemed as though the alumnae "bunch" could not get to "shooting" at all. Cooper, who is usually one of the heavy scorers, did not seem able to find the basket. While on the other hand the El Paso organization seemed to be getting in shots from all angles. The El Paso team used fine teamwork and it seemed that the alumnae team was unable to break it up.

The score at the end of the game was 71 to 9 in favor of El Paso. The following are the line-ups:

El Paso—Williams (F), 6 goals; Richardson (F), 8 goals; Ponsford (C), 15 goals, 3 foul goals, 2 foul goals missed; Springer (G), 2 goals; Talbot (G), 1 goal; Cohen (F), 2 goals. Deming Alumnae—Cooper (C), 2 foul goals, 5 foul goals missed; Hamilton (F), 2 goals; Sage (C and F), 1 foul goal, 3 foul goals missed; Trowbridge (G); Ruebush (G); Steed (G and F), 1 goal.

### LEW CODY ON KISSING

The first kiss might make her angry, but the second would console her . . . and the third . . . Oh! Wonderful Woman!

May you live through an age of happiness

In a realm of wedded bliss; And may every day be a memory day Which begins and ends with a kiss.

I pledge the kiss Whose poignant bliss Comes with a microbe, so they say. A microbe—ho!

If that is so, He tickles in a pleasant way.

And so I say, "If man must die Of microbe that and microbe this, I'll gladly slip The fatal lip.

And take my microbe in a kiss." "The Beloved Cheater," at the Princess, Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11.

### BRIDGE

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. H. Dial and Mrs. Clyde Earl Ely entertained at bridge at the home of Mrs. Dial on Pine street. Luncheon was served, the color scheme of which, together with the decorations, was white and green.

Fred Miller of Separ was a visitor in the city yesterday.

## ARMY OFFICER IS KILLED BY WIFE

Capt. Wade Doster Falls Victim to Jealous Wife After Quarrel Over Other Woman

### WOMAN THEN SHOT HERSELF

Tragedy Happened Early Yesterday Morning at Hotel Clark—the Woman May Recover

Columbus, N. M., March 8.—Capt. Wade Doster, attached to the medical corps at Camp Furlong, here, was shot and killed early today in a Columbus hotel by his wife, who then turned the gun on herself, according to military authorities. Mrs. Doster is expected to recover.

According to reports made to army officers, Mrs. Doster left her husband here some weeks ago. Meantime, it was said, another woman arrived here from California and visited here two days.

Mrs. Doster returned to Columbus last night and throughout the night, it was said, she and her husband quarreled about the other woman, who is said to be a resident of El Paso. This morning Mrs. Doster fired twice at her husband, one bullet taking effect in the back and the other in his breast. Her own wound is in the breast.

Mrs. Doster left a note, it was said, the contents of which have not been divulged by the authorities.

Capt. Doster was assigned to duty at the camp hospital at Columbus, N. M., from Camp Kearney, Cal., July 25, 1919. He has a brother, Major Chase Doster, in the regular army. Major Doster recently was on duty in Denver, Colo.

### AMERICAN LEGION ADOPTS RESOLUTION

Belen, N. M., March 8.—The executive committee of the American Legion, New Mexico department, has prepared the following resolution regarding the death of Col. Charles De Bremond:

Whereas, Comrade Charles De Bremond, our first department commander, has answered the summons of the Supreme Commander of all armies, and

Whereas, in the passing of Comrade De Bremond this New Mexico department in particular and the American Legion in general has lost an indefatigable worker, one whose efforts can only be exceeded by the most zealous, and

Whereas, coming as it did in the prime of his life and as a result of disability sustained in the discharge of his duties at the front makes his demise doubly sad; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the executive committee of the American Legion on behalf of all legionaries in their jurisdiction, condole with the bereaved relations; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to his widow and copies be given to the press.

### COMES TO DEMING FOR A PRISONER

Deputy Sheriff J. C. Stansel went to Deming, N. M., Monday to bring back Willett White, a negro, who is wanted here in connection with the death of Angela Sanchez, who was killed August 13, 1918, and whose body was found in an old deserted barn last January.

The negro is said to be the "buddy" of Charles ("Pickle") Stewart, a negro, who is held in the county jail on a charge of murder in connection with Angela Sanchez's death.

Will Mays, another negro, held in the county jail on nine charges of forgery, told Justice of the Peace E. B. Rawlins in a preliminary hearing given Stewart last week that Stewart told him while in jail that he and White did away with Angela Sanchez to keep her from telling what she knew to the officers.—El Paso Herald.

### WELL, WHY DON'T YOU?

The well of the Florida Oil Company, west of the city, is now nearing the 700-foot mark in depth, and the drill is thought to be much nearer to oil than to funds to keep it going. Deming has squandered hundreds of thousands of dollars on worthless oil stock; it wouldn't be any worse to spend it on a hole in Luna county. Mr. Clark says that it is up to Deming to get the hole down to the 1,000-foot mark, when he can get outside help. He says that further delay in financing will mean just that much longer to oil and prosperity.

The present formation is limestone. It is thought that small quantities of oil and gas will be encountered as soon as the present formation is pierced.

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